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 SUBJECT: LETTER FROM UNFDAC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
 TO SENATOR PAULA HAWKINS

1. HERE FOLLOWS TEXT OF LETTER FROM UNFDAC
 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR GIUSEPPE DI GENNARO TO
~~SENATOR PAULA HAWKINS REGARDING THE INVITATION~~
 SENATOR HAWKINS EXTENDED TO HIM.

BEGIN TEXT

3 DECEMBER 1984

DEAR SENATOR HAWKINS.

- THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR KIND LETTER
 OF 8 NOVEMBER 1984 IN WHICH YOU INVITE ME TO
 SPEAK AT THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE CONFERENCE ON
 NARCOTICS CONTROL WHICH YOU ARE SPONSORING ON
 31 JANUARY AND 1 FEBRUARY 1985. BECAUSE OF MY
 ATTENDANCE AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN NEW YORK
 AND ALSO AT THE POMPIDOU GROUP MEETING IN STRASBOURG,
 I HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO RESPOND SOONER.

- I REGRET THAT I CANNOT GIVE YOU A POSITIVE
 RESPONSE REGARDING MY ATTENDANCE AT THE CONFERENCE.
 THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC
 DRUGS WILL BE HELD IN VIENNA IN FEBRUARY. THERE IS A
 GREAT DEAL THAT UNFDAC MUST DO TO PREPARE FOR THIS
 IMPORTANT MEETING AND, CONSIDERING OUR VERY SMALL
 STAFF, WE ALL WILL BE DEEPLY INVOLVED. TAKING INTO
 ACCOUNT THE TRAVEL TIME THAT WOULD BE REQUIRED, IT
 IS, THEREFORE, HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT I CAN ABSENT
 MYSELF FROM VIENNA FOR THE CONFERENCE. SHOULD IT
 LATER APPEAR THAT I CAN GET AWAY, I WILL, OF COURSE,
 CABLE YOU. HOWEVER, AS THINGS STAND, NEITHER I
 NOR UNFDAC STAFF WILL BE TRAVELLING AT THAT TIME.

- SENATOR HAWKINS, I DO WANT TO TAKE THIS
 OPPORTUNITY TO COMPLIMENT YOU ON TAKING THE
 INITIATIVE TO BRING TOGETHER THE LEADERSHIP OF
 THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE NATIONS TO DISCUSS
 THIS MOST URGENT PROBLEM. YOU HAVE MY VERY BEST
 WISHES FOR A SUCCESSFUL MEETING, THE PROCEEDINGS
 OF WHICH I WOULD BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE.

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YOURS SINCERELY,
GIUSEPPE DI GENNARO
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
UNITED NATIONS FUND FOR DRUG ABUSE CONTROL
END TEXT. WILLIAMSON
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